



## David Ford-Gould

July 14, 1951 - April 9, 2022

David Ford-Gould, of Washington, DC, passed away on April 9, 2022 from meningitis. He was born in Washington, DC on July 14, 1951. From the ages of four to nine, he lived in Spotsylvania County Virginia, where he attended John J. Wright Consolidated school. Thereafter David remained a resident of Washington, DC, graduating from Anacostia High School in 1969 and studying at Howard University from 1971 to 1973 majoring in Mass Communications/TV & Film. He also attended Washington Technical Institute and graduated from Barre Modeling and Finishing School in 1970.

His career began as a Clerk at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia under the DC Summer Job Youth Program. Thereafter he worked as a Desk Clerk at the Shoreham Hotel, a Documents Receipts Clerk at the Government Printing Office, a Desk Attendant at the Library of Congress, an Administrative Assistant in the Main Chapel Operations at St. Elizabeths's Hospital and as a Case Management/Front Desk Assistant at the DC Department of Behavioral Health, Mental Health Division until his retirement in 2015. He was focused, hardworking, outgoing and loved by his fellow co-workers. After retirement David frequented the Congress Heights Senior Wellness Center where he was welcomed and enjoyed the fellowship.

David thought fondly of his country upbringing where he enjoyed vegetable and flower gardening and was instilled with solid individual, family and

community values. He attended Mt. Zion Baptist church where he sang in the choir. As an adult, David was a proud man who followed in the footsteps of his father and dressed appropriately for the occasion. Each time you saw him he was meticulously groomed, stylishly dressed and strode confident and proud. Not surprisingly, he briefly pursued a modeling career and was chosen as a debutante escort. He was a man of God and was always on a mission to accomplish his goals. He loved listening to music and collecting fine wine. He practiced healthy eating and exercise maintaining his high school physique throughout his life. Although he lived independently and did not see them as much as he wished, his love for family never wavered. He spoke proudly of his tall handsome brothers. When he was in the presence of his sisters he was protective and endearing. His sister Cynthia and nephew Tyjuan A. Gould provided many years of support to David. They were his guardian angels in the family.

Despite his enormous struggles with mental illness, David fought for and maintained his autonomy. Against all opposing winds, he was the "captain of his own ship".

David is the son of Juanita W. Gould and Wilbur R. Ford, both deceased. His siblings Constance Turner and Wilbur R. Ford, Jr. predeceased him. He is survived by siblings Lavern McClendon, Constance G. Starks, Renee I. Falwell (Jimmy), Regina M. Saizan (Michael), Cynthia N. Gould, Anthony M. Gould (Ollie), Dale (Debbie), Bernard (Gina) and Cornell (Diann) Ford, Gloria Lewis and Carolyn Williams; and a host of nieces and nephews.

A viewing will be held in the Pope Funeral Homes Forestville Chapel, 5538 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, Maryland on April 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. with funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow in Fort Lincoln Cemetery, 3401 Bladensburg Road, Brentwood, Maryland.



# Cemetery Details

## FORT LINCOLN CEMETERY

3401 BLADENSBURG RD  
BRENTWOOD, MD 20722

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel  
5538 MARLBORO PIKE  
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

## Funeral Service

APR 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel  
5538 MARLBORO PIKE  
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of David Ford-Gould*



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**Pope Funeral Homes** - April 18, 2022 at 10:57 AM

AC

*So sorry for your loss  
You and your family are in my prayers. From Angela Clark*

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**Angela Clark** - April 18, 2022 at 03:46 PM

OF

*TO HOSEA BROWN AND FAMILY.  
we are so sorry to hear of David death. It been a long time. Our  
condolence to you and will keep your family in our prayer.  
Maude Edwards, Norma Cook and Otelia Ford.*

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**Otelia Ford** - April 27, 2022 at 07:20 PM

JB

“ *Jose A. Brown lit a candle in memory of David Ford-Gould*



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**Jose A. Brown** - April 12 at 12:40 AM

JB

“ *David,*

*Youre greatly missed and won't be forgotten.*

*Bro Jose*

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**Jose A. Brown** - April 12 at 12:39 AM



“ *David Ford-Gould*

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January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *David Ford-Gould*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM

OF

“ *Otelia Ford lit a candle in memory of David Ford-Gould*



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**Otelia Ford** - April 27, 2022 at 07:21 PM

CD

“ *I extend my condolences to Constance and the family on the death of their brother David. He has now joined the ancestors who watch over this family. Visit your memories of him and it may provide comfort. Peace be with you.*

*C Renee Dodd*

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**C Renee Dodd** - April 15, 2022 at 10:56 AM

JB

“ To Constance and the Gould family,



*No message or sympathy card can adequately capture or express what another person feels when they lose someone who is very close to them. But I do know this: A God who is all seeing and hearing knows all about your sorrow. He will never leave nor forsake you because He is always there right beside you. So, "Cast your cares upon Him, because He cares for each of you."*

*As we all remember David, let us reflect upon the happier times that each of us shared with him. David was a brave man with an enormous spirit of compassion toward others, especially the underprivileged.*

*As David has transitioned from this life, he will be greatly missed by family and friends alike. But as time goes on, God's grace is sufficient to grant you courage, faith, and strength and His unconditional love and healing power will bring you peace. In time, my fervent hope for each of you is that the pain and sorrow you are feeling now is replaced with the good memories of David. And may those memories bring a smile to your face before they bring a tear to your eye.*

*Family, may God continue to bless and keep you in the days, weeks, and months ahead.*

*Deepest sympathy, prayers, and condolences,*

*Deacon Jose A. Brown*

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**Jose A. Brown** - April 14, 2022 at 12:39 AM

JC

*My Sincere Condolences to the Gould Family at this most difficult time.  
I'll be Praying for the Family. 🙏🌹🙏*

**Jawanna Clark** - April 15, 2022 at 09:38 AM

DB

*Sorry for your loss Mr.Ford was a great neighbor always willing to help  
he will truly be missed 😭....*

**Delita Barnes** - April 15, 2022 at 11:46 AM

ER

*Our condolences to the family for the death of David, May The Lord  
strength you during this time of sorrow. RIP*

**Elizabeth & Juan Rivas** - April 17, 2022 at 08:43 AM